



MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 KAPOLEI HALE – CONFERENCE ROOM A

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Legal recognized a moment of silence for the Honolulu Police Department Officers that perished in the line of duty. Chair Legal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with six (6) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Mike Frank, Jack Legal, Scot Stensrud, Thad Spreng, Moon Kahele, Kioni Dudley, Troy Cullen (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), and Mick Ferreira (arrived at 7:30 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Robert Helsham

Guests: Tim Hiu (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Meg Turner (Senator Mike Gabbard's office), Kevin Wilson (Representative Stacelynn Eli's office), Rich Levin (Senator Maile Shimabukuro's office); Louis Galdera (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's office), Kim Ryan (Congressman Ed Case's office); Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply), Lieutenant Fernandez (Honolulu Police Department), Firefighter Pacheco (Honolulu Fire Department); Pat Lee (Hawaii Authority for Rapid Transit); Francine Murray (Hawaii Community Development Authority); Mike Frank, Kathy Davenport, Shane McMonagle, Choon James, Frank Genadio, Mary Ann Foley, Frandine Murray, Kiran Polk, Frank Genadio (Community members), Harry Cho (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Note: Name was not included if not legible or on the guest attendance sheet.**

ROLE CALL: The neighborhood assistant carried out a roll call. Quorum was established with six (6) members present.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Lieutenant Fernandez reported the following:

- **January 2020 Statistics:** There were 4 structure fires, 1 wild land/brush fire, 4 nuisance fires, 21 activated alarms (no fire), 190 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle collision with a pedestrian, 10 motor vehicle crash/collisions, and 3 ocean rescues.
- **Safety Tip:** Safety tips were provided on candle light safety.

Questions and comments followed:

1. **Battery Explosions:** Kahele asked if HFD is prepared for battery explosions.
2. **Candle Fires:** Frank asked if there have been any recent candle fires in the area. Pacheco responded that he will follow up on the questions next month.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Fernandez reported the following:

- **January 2020 Statistics:** There were 12 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 61 thefts, and 17 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles, and 2,863 total calls to service in Kapolei.

Cullen arrived at 7:15 p.m. Seven (7) members present.

Questions and comments followed:

1. **Calls for Suspicious People:** A community member asked if HPD receives calls for suspicious people in neighborhoods. Fernandez responded that they receive those calls often. However, need to be careful that HPD is not violating that person's rights.
2. **Parking:** A community member asked what to do when seeing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking violation. Fernandez suggested using the 311 app if it is not an emergency. Dudley asked for more information regarding the 311 app. Fernandez responded that it is an app on your mobile device provided by the City and County of Honolulu that allows you to report potholes, abandoned vehicles, etc.
3. **Thefts:** A community member raised concerns with thefts of car parts.

4. HPD Officers: Legal asked how many HPD officers there are. Fernandez responded that there are around 2,000 sworn officers but only a portion are patrol officers.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Tim Hiu reported the following:

- Department of Transportation Services (DTS): Director Wes Frysztacki and Mark Kikuchi provided an update regarding Makakilo Drive.
- Follow up on Concerns:
 - Rail Shuttle Services: DTS responded that they will not establish new routes between Pearl Harbor and the Aloha Stadium Rail Station during the first interim rail opening from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium. Existing routes, including service to Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Arizona Memorial, and Ford Island will not be modified. To enter Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, credentialed employees may board Routes PH1, PH2, PH3, PH4, and PH7 at Bus Stop #695, located across Kamehameha Highway from the Aloha Stadium Rail Station. DTS will continue to evaluate service for the second interim rail opening to the Middle Street Rail Station and full opening to the Ala Moana Shopping Center. Bus riders will be notified of any changes or modifications to Pearl Harbor service prior to a rail-opening phase.
 - Crosswalk Priorities: DTS responded that they contacted Mr. Kahele to clarify his crosswalk priority inquiry and will follow up with a response to him.
 - Kapolei Community Park: Department of Parks and Recreation responded that Kapolei Community Park's play apparatus was renovated and relocated in September 2016. The signs for the play apparatus were installed recently, during the week of January 21, 2020. The department does not have plans to install lighting in the play apparatus area, but it is something that could be considered for future planning discussions

Ferreira arrived at 7:30 p.m. Eight (8) members present.

Questions and comments followed:

1. Makakilo Drive: A community member asked what the projected date is for the completion of the design phase of Makakilo Drive. Kikuchi responded that there is no set date as of yet. Spreg raised concerns that it is still in the design phase. Dudley asked if there are any plans to purchase the properties at the bottom of Makakilo Drive. Ferreira raised concerns with the environmental study of Makakilo Drive.
2. Bus Route: A community member asked when the C bus route will be discontinued. Frysztacki responded that it will not be taken away for the next couple of years.
3. Crosswalks: Kahele raised concerns with the lack of crosswalks near schools.
4. Kapolei Regional Park: Stensrud requested to fix the water fountain at Kapolei Regional Park.

Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine – Louis Galdera reported the following:

- Community Safety Events: The events will be held on Thursday, February 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Kapolei Hale Conference Room A/B and on Friday, February 28, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nanakuli Library Haleakala Room.
- DTS: Councilmember Pine contacted DTS about speed mitigation in road and traffic improvements.
- Budget: The public was encouraged to contact Councilmember Pine's office for suggestions regarding the budget.

Questions and comments followed:

1. Makakilo Drive: A community member noted that he would like to see Makakilo Drive restriped. Dudley requested that the grass at the median in Makakilo Drive be cut more often. Cullen suggested that the grass be replaced with turf.
2. Budget: Frank asked about plans to allocated funds for improvements in the area.

Spreg departed at 7:53 p.m. Seven (7) members present.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Rian Adachi reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There was a main break on January 6, 2020 at 92-438 Farrington Highway, on January 14, 2020 at 91-209 at Kuhela Street, and on January 29, 2020 at 92-423 at Akaula Street.
- Detect a Leak Week (March 16-22): Preserving and protecting our most essential resource — our water — is everyone's responsibility. As part of our Detect-A-Leak Week (March 16-22) message, The Board of Water Supply (BWS) encourages residents to be smart water users by checking for leaks on their property as well as in fixtures and to repair them promptly. Checking and repairing leaks helps save water, lowers your water

bill, and prevents potential damage to your home. During Detect-A-Leak Week, free toilet leak detection dye tablets will be available to the public during that week at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, at all Satellite City Halls, and Hardware Hawaii locations. For more leak detection information, please visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call 748-5041. Provided tonight is a handout with information about our Detect-A-Leak Week campaign. Also, please don't forget to take home your free toilet leak detection dye tablet.

- Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contest: The BWS is excited to launch its 42nd annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest and 12th annual Poetry Contest. For 2020, the contest theme, "Creating a Sustainable Water Future," invites Oahu students to creatively express the importance of conserving water now to preserve our water supply for the future. The poster contest is open to Oahu students in grades Kindergarten through 6, and the poetry contest is open to Oahu students in grades 7 through 12. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, February 26, 2020, winners will be announced in May and will receive prizes and be featured in our 2021 Water Conservation calendar.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART): Pat Lee reported the following:

- Update: The full 20-mile, 21 station rail system is over 53% complete, with most of this done on the west side. The Maintenance and Storage Facility in Waipahu is 100% completed. Rail stations on the west side are nearing completion. The West Oahu Stations Group are 95% complete. In your area, the Kualakai station near the Kroc Center is 92% completed, the Keoneae station at UHWO is 96% completed and the Honouliuli station in the Ho'opili subdivision is 97% completed. The Farrington Highway Stations through Waipahu are 97% complete and the Kamehameha Highway Stations through Pearl City and Aiea are 88% complete. Kamehameha Highway resurfacing is 90% completed. HART and the City are working together to prepare for an initial opening of passenger service of the Honolulu rail system prior to launching full service. Train and system testing continues, and HART is working with DTS and the State Department of Transportation on the safety certification and service reliability requirements in preparation for passenger service. HART's job is to design, build, test, and certify the rail system to get it ready for revenue passenger service. HART staff is preparing for operational readiness in system integration testing, pre-revenue operations, management capacity and capability, and safety certification, all to get the trains, stations and facilities "ready to ride." The City's DTS will be in charge of operating and maintaining the rail system along with the bus and the handivan. Interim Service #1 which is from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium is planned for the end of this year. HART's Operational Readiness Status is targeted for October 2020. HART would turn over the first 10 miles and 9 passenger stations to DTS following passenger service. Interim Service #2, from East Kapolei to Middle Street Transit Center is planned for the end of 2023. HART would turn over the next 5 miles and 4 passenger stations from Aloha Stadium to Middle Street Transit Center to DTS at that time. Full Passenger Service of the Entire 20-Mile 21-Station System is planned from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center by 2025. This would include HART's turnover to DTS of the final 5 miles and 8 passenger stations from Middle Street Transit Center to Ala Moana Center. A smart card swiping system, the HOLO card will be utilized and needed to ride the train. No cash ticketing will be available so everyone would need a HOLO card to ride. Riders would get to the stations by bus or Handivan connections, walking, riding a bike, taxi or ride share, being dropped off at the stations, or utilize one of the planned park and ride lots along the route. There will be four new bus transit centers at the Keone'ae station (UH West Oahu), the Ho'ae'ae station (West Loch), Waiawa station (Pearl Highlands), and Halawa station (Aloha Stadium). The annual HART Poster Contest is underway, and it is open to all Oahu high school students in 9th to 12th grades attending public, charter, private or home school. Posters are due on Friday, March 13, 2020. Entries may be mailed or dropped off at HART at 1099 Alakea Street 17th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813. Entries may also be dropped off at any Hawaii Public Library on Oahu between February 24 and March 13. For more information, please visit the HART website at www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299, or email a question to info@honolulutransit.org.

Questions and comments followed:

1. Electricity Cost: A community member asked what the electricity cost of the new contract with Hitachi will be.
2. Rates: A community member asked about the rates for the bus and rail. Lee responded that the rate commission is currently finalizing the rates.
3. Disabilities: A community member asked what accommodations there will be for passengers with disabilities. Lee responded that there will be designated wheel chair areas and elevators at the rail stations.
4. Holo Card: Frank asked for more information regarding the Holo card. Lee responded that it is a smart card that will be the method of payment for rail and bus.
5. Sea Level Rise: Dudley raised concerns with sea level rise affecting the rail in Downtown Honolulu.

Spreng returned at 8:05 p.m. Eight (8) members present.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): Frank Genadio gave the following report:

- OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Update: Genadio reported that the OMPO the University of Hawaii Manoa is conducting a project on sea level rise. The pedestrian overpass at fisherman's wharf will be mainly funded by the Howard Hughes Corporation and federal funding. Tim Reilly of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board is looking to get the Leeward Coast Transportation Study extended into portions of Waipahu.

Questions and comments followed – Leeward Coast Transportation Study: Dudley asked how the board can support this. Genadio responded that the board can indicate that they support the extension.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections, the January 2020 meeting minutes were approved as amended by unanimous consent, 8-0-0. (Aye: Cullen, Frank, Dudley, Legal, Spreg, Stensrud, Kahele, and Ferreira; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None.)

Amendments:

- Page 7, the meeting location should be Kapolei Hale

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congressman Ed Case: A community member provided an update from Congressman Ed Case's office.
- Candidate: A community member noted that she is running for Mayor of Honolulu.
- Music Festival: Dudley noted that the Leeward Music Festival will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2020.
- Prince Kuhio Parade: Moon noted that the event will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2020 and start at Kapolei Hale.
- Group Home Letter: Legal provided an update regarding a letter to Councilmember Pine regarding the neighbors of a group home.
- Ewa Development Plan: Legal noted that comments for the proposed amendments to the Ewa Development Plan are due by Saturday, March 7, 2020.
- House Bill (HB) 1950: Legal noted that this bill is regarding a proposed underwater tunnel for cars.
- Hun Kalaeloa Subdivision Road Project: Legal noted that this project is currently being review by the public.
- Public Hearing: Legal noted that Foodland Supermarket is applying for a liquor license. The hearing will be on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

STATE REPORTS

Governor David Ige's Representative – The representative reported the following:

- Coronavirus: An update regarding Governor Ige's plans was provided regarding the coronavirus outbreak.
- Bills: Governor Ige and the legislators have proposed a package of bills to address affordable housing issues, increasing the minimum wage, and reducing the cost of childcare.

Questions and comments followed:

1. Coronavirus: A community member asked if the virus has affected the delivery of goods from China. Stensrud asked when testing kits will be available in Hawaii.
2. Hurricane Shelters: Dudley asked if Governor Ige would be able to improve the infrastructure for shelters or create hurricane shelters.

Senator Mike Gabbard: Meg Turner reported the following:

- Bills Update: Senate Bill (SB) 2755 passed out of the Committee on Ways and Means. The hurricane shelter bill, upgrades to the Red Hill fuel tank bill, and sunscreen bill did not move forward. Senator Gabbard's committee introduced over 90 bills, with 58 of the bills crossing over to the House. Senator Gabbard also introduced SB 2742 which establishes the offense of theft of catalytic converter as a class C felony.
- Capital Improvement Project Funding: Governor Ige has released funds for the State Veterans Home and Kalaeloa Airport.
- Community Meeting: A community meeting will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Kapolei High School.

Questions and comments followed – Bills: A community member noted the importance of the veteran home bill and the silver alter bill. A community member also suggested working with the Committee on Ways and Means to receive more funding for the veteran home bill.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro – Rich Levin reported the following:

- Bills: A list of the bills that were introduced or-co-introduced by Senator Shimabukuro was provided.

State Representative Sharon Har – A representative from Representative Har's office reported the following:

- Funding: An update was provided regarding school funding that has been released.
- Community Meeting: A talk story will be held on March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. regarding the state budget and bills.

State Representative Stacelynn Eli – Kevin Wilson reported the following:

- Legislative Happenings: On February 13, 2020 the dedication ceremony for the Kapolei Interchange Phase Project 2 was held. On February 15 2020, 498 pounds of trash was collected at the Depots Beach cleanup.
- Upcoming Events: A joint town hall on the environmental impact statement process will be held on February 25, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nanakuli Public Library. The Neighborhood Security Watch will meet on March 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at Nanaikapono Church. A joint town hall with Senator Shimabukuro regarding water rights will be held on March 25, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at KS Community Learning Center.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) - Francine Murray reported the following:

- Recruiting an Executive Director for HCDA: HCDA is currently recruiting a new executive director and applications are due by March 19, 2020.
- Bills: Some of the bills that HCDA is following includes SB 2054, SB 2940, HB 1928, and HB 2449.

BOARD BUSINESS

Proposal to Develop Kapolei Parkway Affordable Rental Housing – Elton Wong reported the following:

- Project Update: The project will include 404 rental units which will include studios to 4 bed room units. 21 units will be at 30% area median income (AMI) and 383 will be at 60% AMI. In addition to the affordable housing, two preschools will be provided. There will be 1.5 parking stalls per unit.

Questions and comments followed:

1. Parks: A community member asked if parks will be added.
2. Support: Dudley noted his support for the project.
3. Parking: Frank raised concerns with that there is not enough parking stalls. Spreg also questioned where the residents will park if there is not adequate parking.

Ferreira departed at 9:00 p.m. Seven (7) member present.

Dudley moved and Stensrud seconded that the board support the Kapolei Parkway Affordable Rental Housing Project. The motion was adopted by majority vote, 5-2-0. (Aye: Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Stensrud, Kahele; Nay: Frank, Spreg; Abstain: None.)

TREASURER'S REPORT – The board retains a balance of \$246.84.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Scheduled Meeting – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at Kapolei Hale Conference Room A.

ADOJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Harry Cho, Public Relations Assistant

Reviewed by: Christopher Naylor, Neighborhood Assistant